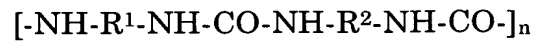


Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph 17 with the following amended paragraph.

Within the scope of the present invention, polyureas or polyurethanes are generally understood to be linear or branched-chain polymers having the general structure



or



i.e., linear or branched-chain polymers linked via urea bonds or urethane bonds, where R1 and R2 represent, respectively, aliphatic or aromatic radicals or groups, e.g., polyether, and n represents the degree of polymerization, where n = 2 to ∞ . Such a polymer network of polyurea can be obtained by reacting bifunctional or trifunctional amines with bifunctional or multifunctional aliphatic, cycloaliphatic or aromatic isocyanates.